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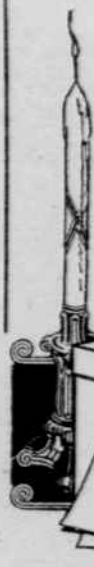
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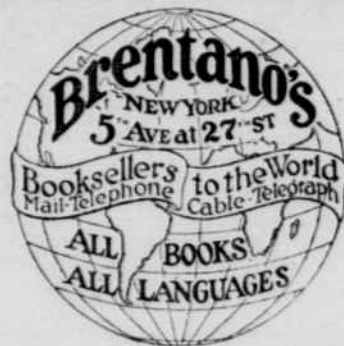
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"THE BRIGHT SHAWL."

(Joseph Hergesheimer's colorful new novel).

In the days when the Cubans were ruled by the Spanish A Yankee decided to help 'em to banish
Sain Spaniards and make it a free little isle.
His name was Charles Abbott and in a short while
After Charlie had made his resolve he set sail
For well known Havana, the scene of our tale.

Well, soon with the rebels our friend was conspiring
To give them there Spaniards a summary firing.
They plotted and plotted in corners and nooks
(Their plots were enough to equip twenty books.)
But the Spaniards were wise and as often as not
A plotter would find himself daggered or shot.
But Charles, undismayed, with the aid of a friend
(Young Escobar) plotted and plotted to end
The Spanish ascendancy. After a time
You'd think he would weaken and yearn for a clime
Where a man didn't have to duck bullets so often,
But Charles was hard boiled and not once did he soften.
Perhaps the real reason he relished the duty
Was that for coplotter he had a young beauty,
The dancer Clavel. I'd turn plotter myself
If I had for a partner so charming an elf.

Charles didn't succeed in his efforts to free
The Cubans, but no one will fail to agree
That he tried hard enough. And a feller who tries
Deserves lots of credit, so don't criticize.
It wasn't his fault that his comrades were lax
And only succeeded in getting The Axe.
You can't free a country without any aid,
And Charlie got little, except from the maid
I mentioned above—and that maiden, alack,
Was imprisoned for dealing a Spaniard a whack
That made him a corpse in a minute or less.
(Of muscle that girl had a tragic excess.) . . .

One day to save Escobar Charlie essayed.
His reward was a dig in the ribs with a blade,
And a bump on the bean and a clout on the nose,
So Charles wasn't sorry, I choose to suppose,
When the Spaniards decided that day to deport him.
Too bad that the damsel couldn't escort him!

We are growing more and more liberal.
We like "The Bright Shawl" despite the fact
that it contains a hero who flavors his
coffee with salt, a heroine who smokes
cigars and another character who wears
lemon colored gloves.

We love some of the Gilbertian names in
"The Bright Shawl." There is, for instance,
Captain Ceaza Santacilla. Some day we'll
have to do a poem around him. It will
start:

Captain Ceaza Santacilla
Puffed a fine Havana filla
While a maid in a mantilla
Made the Captain's chest a pilla—

ALFRED HARCOURT ROLLS A CIGAR-
ETTE.

Had the sale of "Babbitt" failed to live
up to expectations and was Mr. Harcourt
rolling his own as part of a program of
retrenchment? No, that couldn't be it.
There on his desk was a package of—let
us call 'em Persian Puffers, all ready for
smoking. Evidently he had tried 'em out
and found 'em wanting. It soon was plain
that Mr. Harcourt had rolled his own for
some time. Only an experienced hand can
flip open a book of cigarette papers and
without the loss of a second extract just
one of the clinging sheets. We have never
managed to yank out less than three at a
time. Nor have we learned to sprinkle the
proper amount of granulated seaweed on
the paper. Our homemade cigarettes are
either too fat or too skinny. And they re-
fuse to stay rolled.

With the exception of Hal Hilman, boss
of the D-H Ranch in Big Horn, Wyo., Mr.
Harcourt rolls the neatest cigarette ever
manufactured in our presence. But Hal
has the long winter months to practice in,
and perhaps for this reason the compar-
ison is an unfair one. The fact remains
that Mr. Harcourt can roll a goshdarned
capable cigarette. . . . And the least he
can do in return for this tribute is to send
us a copy of Charles Brooks's "Frightful
Plays."

PESTIFEROUS PLATITUDES

"His face worked convulsively."
Any Author.
Ours does every time we encounter that
bromide.

OR ARE WE WRONG?

I tip my benny to him.—"Babbitt," Page 121.

Does Mr. Lewis mean "benny"? "Ben-
ny," as we recall the matter, is Harlemaas
for overcoat; and it went out of use al-
most as long ago as "tell it to Sweeney,"
and "skidoo."

ANNOUNCEMENT

A month ago our London correspondent
struck for a raise and we told him to go
jump in the Thames. We thought he had
obeyed us—(it's time he did something
we asked)—but a letter on our desk is to
the effect that he won't jump in the
Thames; that he doesn't want a raise after
all; and that he will be glad to continue
his correspondence at the old salary—one
copy of THE HERALD Book Section per week.
He struck for two copies—or an increase in
salary of 100 per cent. That, of course,
amounted to a hold-up that no employer
with an ounce of courage would tolerate.
Our correspondent is so repentant that
we have decided to take him back and his
London letters will appear in THE BOOK
FACTORY again before long.

JAZZ IN ENGLAND.

If you doubt that jazz is taking hold in
London, read this bit from Frank Swinnerton's
new (and excellent) novel, "The
Three Lovers":

" . . . At the piano sat one man and by
his side another who played upon a banjo.
 . . . A sportive young fellow had been
adding to the noise by clashing tongs and
fire shovel together."

But evidently the English cannot stand
as much jazz as Americans, for elsewhere
we read: "At a quarter to twelve there
was a signal for closing the place."

While "The Three Lovers" is not a Sha-
vian book, there is evidence of the influ-
ence of the Prince of Jesters. As witness:
"The sort of man one falls in love
with doesn't make a good husband."
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formed character, will find that he has
domesticated a tigress."
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